

**OROVILLE FACILITIES RELICENSING
RECREATION/SOCIOECONOMICS WORK GROUP**
Summarized Input from Oroville Facilities Public Information Meetings
December 7, 2000

ASSUMPTION

- Existing recreational facilities are not adequate to meet demand.

GOALS STATEMENTS

- DWR should continue its active involvement in the community to develop recreation concurrently with the relicensing process.
- Upgrade facilities and develop more areas for recreation.
- Look at future and reliable funding sources for recreational development.
- Develop a plan that has a local structure that will ensure the plan is carried out.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RECREATION PLAN

- Provide more camping facilities.
- Provide more parking facilities.
- Provide more marinas.
- Provide more hiking trails.
- Provide more bike trails.
- Develop more bike trails that are separate from hiking and equestrian trails.
- Develop a more balanced fishery.
- Promote private enterprise contracts in recreational planning.
- DWR should fund the JPA for a good plan.
- Review what was promised 30 years ago and what was actually delivered. Ensure that this process will fulfill the needs of the community.
- Hold to those commitments made over 30 years ago.

POTENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A RECREATION PLAN

- At Lime Saddle Memorial Park, build it out and extend it to capacity to which it was originally designed. Which would be up to 250 campsites, a boat ramp, and swimming beach.
- Develop a campground at the afterbay.
- Develop smaller, primitive style campgrounds (tent), particularly around Enterprise boat ramp.
- Develop a swimming lake at Loafer Creek Recreation Area.
- Develop first class swimming facilities within the lake that are state of the art and innovative, to replace lost swimming opportunities .
- Provide site improvements to existing flying site for model airplanes.
- Establish and locate an area for bass tournaments on the lake and include stands, parking, water, electricity, vendors, boats, etc.
- Develop facilities at the south forebay to support competitive powerboat events, including grandstands, flush toilets, and campgrounds.
- Include a marina and boat launches along with many recreational activities at the afterbay, with the entrance to the facilities off Hwy 99.
- Provide dry storage for boats on trailers at Lake Oroville and north forebay
- Develop a management structure and funding for aquatic center programs at the north forebay to bring boating safety and handling to the public.

- Provide boater training (like Butte Sailing Club offers).
- Lake Oroville water levels sink too low in the summer – suggested level for boaters should be between 890-895 feet elevation.
- Finish building the CA riding and hiking trail from the Oroville Trail to the Pacific Crest Trail.
- Develop an endurance trail around the lake, perhaps connecting to the Pacific Crest Trail Preserve the existing hiking and equestrian trail (in particular, preserve the Dan Beebe Trail as a historical equestrian and hiking trail).
- Develop equestrian center(s) accessible to established trails at the Lake Oroville Recreation Area, to include a good arena and rental and boarding stables
- Upgrade portable restrooms to permanent ones.
- Preserve unpaved status of railroad grade multi-use trail.
- Promote a private catering and floating restaurant.
- Create, enhance and preserve Craig Access Park.
- Restore and improve the recreation resource along the river corridor from the dam, downstream to the wildlife area.
- Provide immediate access by public vehicles at Lakeland Boulevard to the old railroad grade area of the diversion pool with future consideration of improvements in that same area.
- Open the diversion dam as a trail linkage. Create trail linkage from the diversion dam to the old railroad grade at the railroad trestle. Open west side of the Feather River from the fish barrier dam to Burma Road as a recreation area. Move the fence back from the riverbank at the fish hatchery and develop a trail from Table Mountain Bridge past the Hwy 70 bridge on north side of river.
- Upgrade roads leading to facilities.

ACCESS – LAND USE, LINKED TO RECREATION

- Improve access to the area from the north.
- Develop land access to the far north side of lake.
- Develop an alternative route to and from the Lake Oroville area. Access improvements should be (from east to west), Miners Ranch Road, converging with Foothill Boulevard, and out Ophir Road to Hwy 70.
- Widen Hwy 162 as originally planned and encourage all levels of government to widen Hwy 70 to Oroville.
- If there is going to be paving, consider Burma Road (more cost effective with no conflict of use). Increase communication on issues relating to present DWR land usage around the lake area so it shifts from unused lands to recreational or appropriate public use.
- Contact PG&E regarding property at Lime Saddle Marina, the 5 plus acres would add more parking available to the public and add a much needed road and entrance.

OUTSIDE RELICENSING PROCESS

- Establish another multi-purpose dam on the west branch of the Feather River, which would provide more electricity, another recreation area, and provide Paradise with more water supply.
- DWR could show good will to community by creating an arrangement with the local business community and industry so they could pay lower water and electricity rates from Oroville Dam. Would like locals to get favorable, Southern California rates.

Use that as a tool to lure more industry to the area. There is an immediate opportunity to do that.

- All future recreation development plans, including all State Agencies, to notice all members of the public about meetings (no more secret meetings).

SOCIOECONOMICS

- Look at what happens to money developed from power generation and potential to put into community.
- Have an economist evaluate the implications of promises versus delivery, with respect to recreation development. Look at history to understand the perspectives of the community over the last 30 years.